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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 02, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 02, 2003 to December 02, 2003.

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